

NOMAD OCEAN BUOYS

I have **Don Hillger** and **Garry Toth** to thank for referring me to their website <http://rammb.cira.colostate.edu/dev/hillger/anemometers.htm> which lists Anemometers, Windsocks, Wind Vanes, Wind Measurements, and Wind Towers.

On their Anemometer list are several stamps showing a “Nomad” maritime weather station ocean buoy, which have two propeller devices on these items which are in fact wind-driven generators.

1. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Issued in 1973, this 150f stamp (SG33, Mi 326) marks the Centenary of the IMO/WMO (International Meteorological Organization/World Meteorological Organisation). In addition to the stamp, the website shows also a die proof (blue), a die proof (black), a colour proof strip and a stamp on a first day cover.

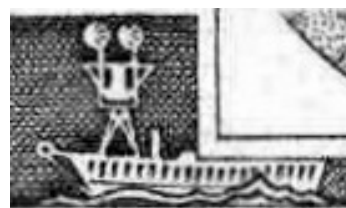
2. GRENADA: Dating from 6 July 1973 and commemorating the IMO/WMO centenary, this 1c stamp (SG537, Mi.517) shows the buoy and also the god Poseidon with a trident and a horse.

3. MALDIVE ISLANDS: Issued 10 Jan 1974 and commemorating the Centenary of the World Meteorological Organisation, two stamps 3L (SG477, Mi.481) **3/169** and 3R (SG481, Mi.485) **3/169a**, described in Gibbons as a Nomad weather station.

4. NIGER: issued in 1967, a 50F stamp (SG257, Mi.157) (the illustration in Gibbons shows a Nomad buoy but is captioned “weather ship”; the catalogue gives the title of the issue as “Air - World Meteorology Day”). In addition to the stamp, the website shows a die proof, a colour proof, colour proofs, the adopted essay and a FDC with stamp and cachet.



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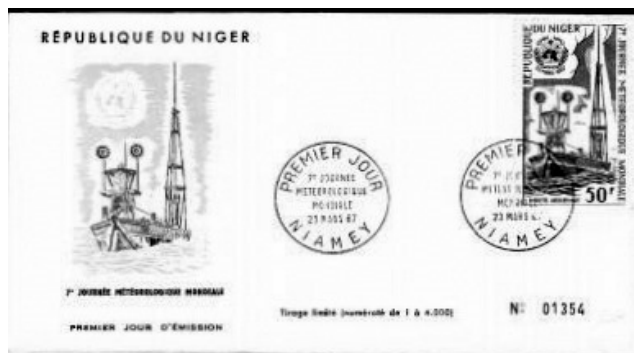
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3 – 3 L - the 3 R value has the same design



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3 – First day cover